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LAYING DEVICE

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached, excluding U.S. patents and publications. English abstract translations for EP 0 571 728 A2, EP 1 181 986 B1 and WO 01/87582 A1 are enclosed. DE 195 20 190 A1 is equivalent to GB 2 289 941 A, DE 198 05 321 C1 is equivalent to GB 2 331 150 A, DE 199 35 117 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,475,283 B1, EP 1 147 822 A2 is equivalent to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0032585 A1, WO 02/43878 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,746,712 B2 and DE 101 50 272 A1 is

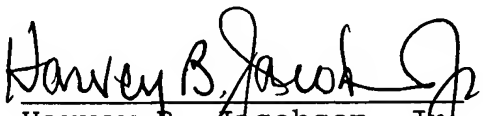
equivalent to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0226465 A1. Please note that no English language translations for DE 30 20 043 A1 and DE 9 014 548 U1 are readily available. However, the relevancy of these documents are discussed in the specification. The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification and in a corresponding International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to make these references of record in the file of this application.

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